

Purpose

The Commission seeks to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation by erecting a Monument on the grounds of Brown's Island in Richmond, Virginia, which is historically significant to African American history in the Commonwealth. The construction of permanent monument will serve as a reminder of the emancipation of slaves and freedom in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.